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On September 14, 1998

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action dated May 13, 1998 for the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" which was added in the preliminary amendment filed with the application, delete "allowed" and insert --

which issued March 24, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,731,159, and

IN THE CLAHMS:

Please cancel claims 2-8 and amend claim 20 as follows.

In claim 20, line 1, delete "14" and insert --19-- in its place.